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SUBJECT: GOE/PLO DISPUTE SUBSIDES

1. ACCORDING TO CAIRO PRESS, AL-TAYYIB MAHMUD ABD AL-RAHIM, DESCRIBED AS VOICE OF PATESTINE DIRECTOR, RETURNED TO CAIRO MARCH 3 FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS IN BEIRUT WITH PLO COMMAND. HE DELIVERED MESSAGE TO FONMIN FAHMY'S OFFICE AND IS DUE DELIVER SECOND MESSAGE TO MININFO MARCH 4.

2. ACCORDING GUMHURIYYA, MESSAGE TO FAHMY AFFIRMED IMPORTANCE OF PLO/GOE DIALOGUE, HAILED GOE STAND IN SUPPORT OF PLO, AND CONFIRMED RESISTANCE IS CONVINCED THAT GOE SUPPORT FOR PALESTINIAN CAUSE IS NO LESS THAN THAT OF PALESTINIANS THEMSELVES. AS IN VOP BROADCAST FEB 28 (CAIRO 2309), THIS LATEST MESSAGE TO FAHMY REPORTEDLY INCLUDED EXPLANATION THAT FEB 26 EXCOMM DECLARATION WAS INTENDED ONLY TO "UNVEIL USG MANEUVERS." ABD AL-RAHIM IS QUOTED AS SAYING PLO LEADERS IN BEIRUT HAD "HIGHLY WELCOMED" MESSAGES FROM FAHMY AND MININFO WHICH HE HAD DELIVERED TO THEM.

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3. PAPERS ALSO REPORT LARGE PLO DEL IS DUE IN CAIRO IN NEXT FEW DAYS. DELEGATION, WHICH WILL INCLUDE QADDUMI AND KHALID FAHUM, HAD EXPECTED TO TRAVEL MARCH 4 OR 5 BUT HAS BEEN HELD UP BY LEBANESE DEVELOPMENTS AND PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS OF SOME DEL MEMBERS.

4. ARAB LEAGUE SYG RIAD'S MEETING WITH ARAFAT IS ALSO REPORTED IN CAIRO PRESS. ARAFAT IS QUOTED AS CONFIRMING PLO IS DETERMINED TO SAFEGUARD GOE-PALESTINIAN RELATIONS. RIAD REPORTEDLY STRESSED THERE ARE NO DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EGYPTIANS AND PALESTINIANS. RECENT INCIDENT WAS "A MISUNDERSTANDING". RIAD ALSO ALLEGEDLY SAID ALL PARTIES DESIRE HOLD FOUR POWER MEETING DURING MARCH AT DATE WHICH WILL BE DECIDED MARCH 4 DURING RIAD'S MEETING WITH KHADDAM.

5. COMMENT: INCIDENT SEEMS TO HAVE BLOWN OVER FOR NOW. IF PALESTINIAN DEL WISHES CONFE WITH FAHMY AFTER MARCH 5, GROUP WILL HAVE TO TRAVEL TO ASWAN WHERE FAHMY EXPECTS TO BE THROUGHOUT VISIT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER.
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